

WAR DEPARTMENT GENERAL STAFF
DISPOSITION FORM

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G-2 MID 386.3

SUBJECT Enemy Documents

Date 7 September 1944

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	<input type="checkbox"/> Disapproved	<input type="checkbox"/> Information				<input type="checkbox"/> Primary interest
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The Secretary of War directs:

I. That a letter substantially as follows be sent to the Commanding General of the United States Army Forces, Pacific Ocean Areas; the Commanding General, United States Army Forces, China-Burma-India Theater Headquarters; Commander-in-Chief of the Southwest Pacific Area; and the Commanding General, Alaskan Department.

1. To enable the War Department to obtain the maximum advantages from enemy documents, it is directed that when theater requirements have been fulfilled all such documents as are under the jurisdiction of the United States Army be transmitted as soon as possible by the quickest practicable means to the Military Intelligence Division, War Department, Washington, D. C. Copies of translations made in the theaters will accompany the documents.

2. For the above purpose, enemy documents will include any document giving information about the enemy or enemy controlled territory and will apply to any such document whether obtained by capture in the field, or by loan or purchase in Allied occupied or controlled territory.

II. It is further directed that copies of the above letter be furnished the Military Intelligence Division, the Operations Division, and the Intelligence Division, Army Service Forces.

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III. The Operations Division, War Department General Staff, has concurred in the above directive.

CLAYTON BISSELL,
Major General,
A. C. of S., G-2.

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD: Above results from request from the Military Branch, MIS, to formalize the forwarding of captured documents through the various document sections which have been set up in the theaters. There is at present no existing directive to the theaters in the Pacific regarding the forwarding of captured enemy documents. Arrangements exist in SHAEF, AFHQ and USAFIME for captured documents to be funneled from the lowest intelligence echelons through higher theater intelligence echelons back to MIRS in London and then to MIRS Washington. The main problem is to convince theater personnel of value of captured documents and to safeguard them through establishment of document sections and by placing such documents into intelligence channels as soon as possible. By D/F dated 4 Sept. 1944, OPD concurred in basic paper provided it was revised to require the Army Commanders to transmit only those documents under U. S. Army control. This to avoid jurisdiction fight with Navy in POA and necessity of obtaining Navy Concurrence.